

REMARKS

Claims remaining in the present patent application are Claims 1 – 22.

DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

Claims 1-22 are rejected under the judicially created (non-statutory) doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No. 6,542,025. A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR §1.321 is being submitted concurrent with the instant response, thereby obviating the double patenting rejection.

CONCLUSION

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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

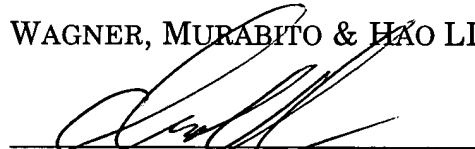
Applicants have reviewed the following references that were cited but not relied upon and do not find these references to teach or suggest the present claimed invention: US 5,554,951, US 5,894,243, US 6,081,140, US 6,104,217, US 6,286,127, US 6,166,960, US 5,982,105 and US 4,740,966.

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